

A New Beginning



Newly-elected board members taking the Oath of Office at the installation ceremony

2017 Installation Ceremony

The installation ceremony is held every two years and marks the beginning of the new term for all neighborhood boards and their members. On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the 2017 installation ceremony was held at the Mission Memorial Auditorium where nearly 300 newly-elected neighborhood board members attended.

Attendees were treated with an introduction of the Neighborhood Board System followed by a question and answer portion with the Neighborhood Commission Office's Executive Secretary, Shawn Hamamoto. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) also gave a presentation on Hawaii's Sunshine Law, allowing all neighborhood board members in attendance to obtain their Sunshine Law training certification.

Also in attendance were the Neighborhood Commissioners and Council Chair Ron Menor.

2017 Board Election Results

Over 540 candidates filed and over 21,000 votes were cast to fill the 437 seats throughout the 33 neighborhood boards. The number of votes cast in this election surpassed the previous record of 19,722 votes.

Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 had the highest percentage of voter turnout at 14.54% while Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board had the lowest percentage of voter turnout at 4.29%. Overall, voter turnout has remained relatively the same at approximately 10%.

The following pages list all newly-elected board members.

**Congratulations
to all newly-
elected board
members!**

Message from the Executive Secretary



Aloha,

Congratulations to all the newly elected Neighborhood Board members! We at the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) would like to thank all the residents of Oahu who participated in the recent 2017 Neighborhood Board Elections. The NCO will continue providing excellent support and guidance for all neighborhood boards.

Thank you for continuing to support the Neighborhood Board System and showing that grassroots democracy is an effective and necessary part of our political system.

Shawn Hamamoto,

Executive Secretary

2017-2019 Elected Neighborhood Board Members

1. Hawaii Kai

ALTONN, Paige K.
BAKER, Reg
CLARK, Robert E.
GARVIN, Rene
GREY, Marian
IWASA, Natalie
JAXON, Carol
KNUDSEN, Greg
MAYOR, Roberta
REILLY, Elizabeth
RUTKOWSKI, Maxine
SALBOSA, Lasha-Lynn
Haawinalani
SCHREINER, Herb Keoki

2. Kuliouou-Kalani Iki

AOYAGI, Davin
CARROLL, Paula S.
FISHER, Ried C.
GREIG, Joshua D.
JOHNSON, Jeannine
JUNGE, Megan
LUM, Heather
MULKERN, Kevin J.
PARKER, Kamaka
SPANGLER, Sheridan R.
STAMM, Jessica
STARR, Linda Wailan
YAP, Melvyn M.L.

3. Waialae-Kahala

BRADY, Arnold
CHANG, Kenneth C. C.
DUDGEON, Peter Andrew
FRANCIS, Karen L.
HIMEDA, Sylvia S.
PYLES, John
TURBIN, Richard
WONG, Brian

4. Kaimuki

GARDNER, Becky
HAGADONE, Mark R.
HARA, Calvin M.
HOE, Paul D.
KANG, Brian
MONIZ-KAHOOHANO, Marilyn
NAGAI, Stephanie
PIERCE, Molly
ROSS, Walt
SCHNEIDER, Sharon
YAMADA, Lori K.

5. Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights

ALLEN, Julia E.
BHATT, Ajay
BOWMAN, Judith A.
CUBAN, Leonora A.M.
FIGLIUZZI, Richard A. Jr.
KAMAHELE, Mark K.
MATSON, Michelle Spalding
MILLER, Barbara C.
NARITA, Bert
PERRUSO, Amy Anastasia
ST. DENIS, Laura
WANAGER, Jerry W.
WELCH, Winston
WEST, George N.
WONG, Linda

6. Palolo

ARMENTROUT, Barbra J.
FROST, Joshua Robert
HACK, Randolph C.
HOLTROP, Paul
LEO, Mark
MAU, Beverly K.S.
NAKAYAMA, Darlene H.
ONISHI, Rusti J.
RENTZ, Bradley T.
SHIRAKI, Earl Masato

7. Manoa

ANDERSEN, GK
ARMSTRONG, Dylan P.
CHUN, Rodney C.Y.
EBY, Martin Kalani
FUNK, Trevor
HOE, Patti
KINNEY, Nathaniel
KOBAYASHI, Asami
KOBAYASHI, Dale
KOFF, Joan
KWAK, Jae
SAN DIEGO, Eric Delos
TOM, Mark
TORRES, Christina Elizabeth
WATSON, Ellen

8. McCully-Moiliili

CARLOS, Marijane H.
CHOE, Bryan
GONSER, Matthew
GORDON, Wyatt Evan
KONDRATOVICH, Klement
MOORE, Skye

ROBOTTI, Paul F.
SOLOMON, Justin Lee
STREITZ, Tim
TAKAMURA, Clifton Hiroshi

9. Waikiki

APAKA, Jeff
CARROLL, Helen T.
ERTEL, Adam S.
ERTESCHIK, Louis
FAHEY, Gordon W.
FINLEY, Robert
FLOOD, Walter
GECK, Jeff
GIVENTER, Grant
HENSKI, Kathryn
MCINTYRE, Laura Leialoha Phillips
MERZ, Jeff
PEREZ-GARREAUD, Nicola
POOLE, Jim
SHIELDS, Patricia K.
SMITH, Mark C.
WILDER, Kenny D.

10. Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus

AMSTERDAM, C. Kavi Jochanan
BALDERSTON, Adele
BIGAY, John
CAROLE, Charles H.
CHONG, Diane L.H.
ELLIOTT, Miriam
KAWANO, Richard H.
KLINK, Paul
LEE, Chuck
LUM, Anastasia
MITCHELL, Sam Moriwaki
REINDOLLAR, Chuck F.
ROSS, Ian
STEELQUIST, John
YOUNG, Susan Lai

11. Ala Moana-Kakaako

AMMONS, William
CHANG, Rodney
CHUNG, Christopher
CLOUTIER, Jayne
FOYT, Michelle S.
KOMINE JR., Ronald
OPPIE, Susan
TAM, Ryan
ZEHNER, Michael

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12. Nuuanu/Punchbowl

HIDANO, Audrey
HORI, Nicole K.
KURASHIGE, Paula S.
LUM, Michael
NAKOA, Keone
NERNEY, Philip
SMITH, Patrick S.
STODDARD, Zack
TAKAMURE, Christy
TINAY, Matthew Keikilani
VIEIRA, Bob L.
WOLFF, Sam
YOUNG, Sylvia

13. Downtown-Chinatown

AU, Alvin
LEE, Kathleen
LYE, Kevin
MCCARNEY, Lori
MOLLRING, Dolores Fees
MOORE, Willis H.A.
SHUBERT-KWOCK, Chu Lan
SMILEY, John M.
TOM, Bob

14. Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/ Kamehameha Heights

CAMPAGNA, Carl J.
FONG, Wesley F.
HART, John
HUANG, Kenneth
KAAPU, Carole K.
KEALOHA-LINDSEY, Mela
MITSUDA, Brandon R.
MON, Bob
NITTA, Donald K.
WEISS, Sai Okuyama
WHITE, Dale
WOLKE, Chad Toshiro

15. Kalihi-Palama

AGBAYANI, Arlina
AKI, J. B. Kaomakaokala
CARLEN, Karen D.
DAYAO, Firmo S.
DUMAYAG, Joe S.
FARM, Ken
GUERRERO, Donald R.
IBAY, Rodolfo Rudy
MANDADO, Ryan C.
POMPONIO, Cathleen
SAGADRACA, Jonan
TEMPLO, Edgardo
YBANEZ, Amanda

16. Kalihi Valley

AUYOUNG-CHONG, Christina
Lynn
HUSSEY, Ikaika Lardizabal
IULIO, Sylvia E.
KOGA, Chester
LAGMAY, Phillip
MCDONALD, Michael
MIZUNO, May
TAN, Hernando Ramos

18. Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village

CHING, Eric H.L.
EGGE, Dennis
IGAWA, Patti O.L.
KANEMARU, Chandra R.
OMURA, Joseph I
PEPPER, Len
SHIGEMASA, Chace Kamalei-
haahaa Manabu
SPADINGER, Rodrick J.
YOMES, David

20. Aiea

ARAKAKI, Tracy
CLARK, William B.
DWYER, Mike
FITCH, Ronald E.
GRUNCH, Russell
IMAMURA-URUU, May Leiko
KIMBALL, Carolyn
MIZUSAWA, Richard
SUGIMURA, Jane
TSUJI, Russell Y.
WHITFIELD, Francie Luana

21. Pearl City

DUNCAN, SolRay B.
FUNAKOSHI, Elaine I.
HAYAKAWA, Mitsuko
INOUE, Guy
ITSUNO, Andrew
POAHA, Kelsey
ROBERSON, Imelda
SALTER-EDGE, DeLores A.
VELASCO, Antonio F.
VERAY, Larry
YOKOTAKE, Blake

22. Waipahu

BURKE, Marty
CHUN, Cory M.
CULLEN, Sy R. P.

DUHAYLONSOD, Lorraine D.
FOOTE, Kathleen A.
HEROLAGA, Connie Pagente
JIANG, Kent
LAMOSAO, Rachele
LEE, Peter H.M.
MACHA, Darryl Medallon
MIGUEL ANDRADE, Maureen C.
NAKASHIMA, Rodney Y.
OSHIRO, Richard H.
SANIATAN, Rito C.
TSUGAWA, Blaine
VILLANUEVA, Ruffalyne Sunajo
WHEATLEY, Chuck B.
YAKOWENKO, George

23. Ewa

AWEAU, Donald S.
BENJAMIN, Guy
CALLAHAN, Mikaela
CLARK, John, III
FEVELLA, Kurt
GONCE, Randy A.
HOCHULI, Ron
KHUN, Donald M.
ROBINSON-ONDERKO, Lynn
SCHULTZ, Francis
TYNANES, Mitchell M.

24. Waianae Coast

CABRAL, Tammy M.M.
ENDO, Calvin M.
GATES, Benjamin
KILA, Glen
KOIKE, W. Ken
LAWSON, Valerie
POE, Sharlette L.K.
SMITH, Kellen
WAHILANI, Kaukaohu

25. Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu

AKI, Zuri
ARELLANO, Pauline D.
BASS, Danielle M. M.
CARMODY, Elise
DAU, Michael
FREED, Ann S.
GALLARDO-MATA, Corinne
GUSTAFSON, Sabrina
HYDEN, Makalani
KAAPANA, Kurumi
LEE, Marilyn B.
LOOMIS, Karen L.
MARCOS, Bernard

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25. Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu (continued)

NAGAMINE, Trevor
OSHIRO, Diana
PARK, Rodney S.
POIRIER, Dick George
SIEGEL, Carole M.
SMART, Mary
SVRCINA, Emil
WILLIAMS, Sharon

26. Wahiawa

AU, Alesia
BAUER, Tom
FRANCHER, Joe
HARVEST, Dean K. K., I
ISHIKAWA, Jeanne
LEARMONT, Lei Uemura
LOEBIG, Rachael
LORMAND, Bob
MANLEY-KOCH, Silvia

27. North Shore

ACHIU, Racquel D.O. Hill
ANDERSEN, Leif
COURTENAY, Henry V.
FOO, SharLyn
HIROTA, John H.
JUSTICE, Robert
LEINAU, Roberts
LYONS, Michael D.
MARTIN, Bill
MCELHENY, Blake D.
MCNEACE, Mike
NG, Jacob
PAHINUI, Kathleen M.
PHILIPS, Carol
SHIRAI, Thomas T. JR.

28. Koolauloa

AU, Randall K.
AUNA, Vanley Kealiiloa
LETT, Dee Dee
MATTOON, Cathleen J.
MEATOOGA, Pane III
MILLER, Kela
MOEAI, Terry
MOORE, Verla K.
NIHIPALI, Jacob
TILLEY, Butch

29. Kahaluu

AUSTIN, Anthony, Tony
BENDER, Daniel
BURNS, Peter Walker
GOLDSTEIN, Ken
GOMES, Lee
LEVASSEUR, Ken
LOO, Clifford
MACHADO, Arthur
MATEINANIU, Rosi
NELSON, Yvonne R.
OBAYASHI, Flora
REPPUN, Kealohi M.
WONG, Jeannie A.

30. Kaneohe

BURBAGE, Lora
CARLILE, Gloria N.
CHO, Ken Jr.
COLLINS, Deborah
CYPHER, Mahealani
DAVLANTES, Nancy
DAWSON, Donald F.
HANKS, Jon
KAANANA, Daniel
RADKE, Mo
SAGER, William
SANDERS, Jeremiah
Noheamaikalani

31. Kailua

AYLWARD, Kelly Malia
BACHINI, Robert C.
BARTLEY, Larry
DOWSETT, Susan
FRAZER, Breton
FUJIMOTO, Judy
HICKS, William M.
KAULUKUKUI, C. Malina
LIPTON, Levani
MATAYOSHI, Scot
MEDEIROS, Robin K.
MIYASHIRO, David
PARSONS, Teresa
SMITH, Al
TOMASA, Claudine Miki
TRECKER, Steve
WELLER, Gary E.
WONG, Donna
ZUCKERNICK, Jeff

32. Waimanalo

AGBAYANI, Liana
ALIVADO, Shannon
FRANK-KAMA, Susan Lei Mo-
kihana
GALEAI, Noe
HO, Wilson Kekoa
JAMILA, Andrew M. Jr.
KAMA-TOTH, Kukana
LAUGHLIN, Marvelle K.
MAGLIBA, Rufino Dan
NAHINU, Jennifer Cirillo
SATO, Catherine Anne

34. Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale

CAPELOUTO, D. Kalani
CULLEN, Troy C.
DUDLEY, Kioni
GONZALEZ, Melanie
LEGAL, Jack M.
MUTCHEK, Brandon
SOUZA, Evelyn
STENSURUD, Scott
WOND, Kanani

35. Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley

AGADER, Dana M.
HAZAMA, Dean I.
LAU, Teresa K.
MELENDREZ, Steven J.
OISHI, Stanton K.
OSTROV, Mark
TAMASHIRO, Keith Y.
TSUI, Alyson Christine
YOSHIMURA, Lance K.

36. Nanakuli-Maili

AWANA, Karen
GRACE, Polly Granny
HIGA, C. Pono
KAHANAMOKU-TERUYA, Patty
MEDEIROS, Richard
REZENTES, Cynthia K.L.

Initial Convening Meeting Basic Procedures



As the new board term begins all 33 neighborhood boards will need to hold officer elections at their first meeting. These meetings will usually be held at the first month of the new term in July, but for any boards that have scheduled a July recess, their initial meeting will be held in August 2017. The Chair pro tem will be responsible for preparing the initial convening agenda and opening the meeting. The elected board member who most recently served as an officer on the Board shall serve as the Chair pro tem of the new board, with priority being given to the Chair, then the Vice Chair, then the Secretary, then the Treasurer. If no such person remains on the board then the longest, uninterrupted, tenured board member is designated the Chair pro tem.

Election of board officers is the first item of business. The Neighborhood Plan states that a Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be appointed by board vote. The newly elected Chair will assume office immediately and will conduct the other organizational business: election of other officers, the determination of the regular meeting date, time and place, and the filling of vacancies.

New Faces in the NCO



Anela Keko'olani **Neighborhood Assistant**

Anela Keko'olani was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from Kalani High School in 2008. Anela lived in Southern California from 2011 – 2017 where she attended Mt. San Antonio College and studied Hospitality Management. Anela also participated in internships at Disneyland with the Disney College Program and attended Disney University. Anela is happy to be back home in beautiful Hawaii nei and hopes to make a difference in our community.



Sultan White **Neighborhood Assistant**

Sultan White is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy (class of '13) and earned his BA in Economics from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in 2016. While attending UH, he was the President of the Economics Club and successfully completed a summer fellowship with Sultan Ventures. In his free time, Sultan loves Salsa and hip-hop dancing, boxing and performing slam poetry. He is excited to be helping to revitalize grassroots democracy in our communities.



Thomas Baldwin **Neighborhood Assistant**

Thomas Baldwin recently joined the Neighborhood Commission Office in May 2017. Thomas was born and raised in New Jersey, and moved to Hawai'i in 2004. A proud graduate of Parker School ('12), Thomas has lived in Hawai'i for a cumulative 12 years. His previous work experience ranges from private sector work as an account executive in Manhattan to a committee clerk at the Hawai'i State House of Representatives. Thomas is eager to learn even more about local government with the City and County of Honolulu and hopes to bring others into the political process.



Aran Wilson **Neighborhood Assistant**

Aran Wilson grew up on the Windward side of Oahu, graduating from Le Jardin Academy in 2007. He spent 3 years at school in Santa Barbara after which he pursued opportunities to live and work in New York City and San Francisco. He returned to complete his degree in Journalism at the University of Hawaii, and prior to this job, was working as a legislative aide at the State Capitol. He wants to pursue a career in local politics, and is excited to be the newest member joining our team.



Neighborhood Board Rules and Procedures Quiz

How well do you know the Neighborhood Plan, Sunshine Law, and Robert's Rules of Order?

<http://www2.honolulu.gov/cchsurvey/>

Take the quiz to see if you can score 100%!

NCO Spotlight – Uyen Vong, Community Relations Specialist

Please explain your role as the Community Relations Specialist. What do you enjoy most about the work you do?

My role as the Community Relations Specialist is really a “jack-of-all-trades” position. I communicate with board members and residents, spearhead special projects, and also prepare the NCO’s annual budget. Every day presents new challenges but also new opportunities to make things better and more efficient. All board members are non-paid volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to advocate for their community and that makes this the most satisfying job, especially when you see the community working together in support of a common cause.

Tell us about yourself growing up. Where were you born, what schools did you go to, what did you study in college?

I was born in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, then moved to Hong Kong when I was one year old, then immigrated to Hawaii when I was six years old. I went to Aliiolani Elementary School, Jarrett Middle School, Kaimuki High School (Bulldogs!), and UH Manoa. At UH Manoa, I studied history and thought I would become a sinologist. Instead, I stumbled into local government and here I am!

Tell us something about yourself that not many people would be able to guess?

Not many people would have guessed that English is my second language. At a young age, I learned English by watching television, taking ESLL (English as Second Language Learner) classes, and reading a lot of books. Besides Harry Potter, my favorite book in elementary school was Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.

You were the lead on the NB elections this year, what were some of the major lessons/hurdles that you took away from this year?

Working on the Neighborhood Board elections was like working on a mini-election. This year, for the first time ever, the NCO coordinated with the City’s Department of Information Technology (DIT) to create our own candidate registration site as well as voting website to save approximately \$70,000. Working internally with another city department allowed us to improve on the website interface and make the voting process more user-friendly. We also offered paper ballots for people who did not have access to computers or were unfamiliar with using them. Mail ballots were another big project itself, but we were glad that 600+ voters were able to utilize this service. In total, over 21,000 residents voted in the elections, which surpassed the previous record set in 2015.

What did you did for work before joining the NCO?

I previously worked for a state representative at the Hawaii State Legislature. It was a great experience to see how different factors, such as who the introducer of the bill is, how many committees the bill is referred to, and how in tune advocates are to the political process, could influence the outcome of a bill.

What do you think could help make the Neighborhood Board system better as a whole?

Civic engagement is a cornerstone of a strong democracy. The Neighborhood Board system only gets better with greater involvement from active citizens through civic organizations, schools, social networks, advocacy groups, etc.

Board Spotlight – Chair Richard Poirier

Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu NB25



How does the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board differ from other Neighborhood Boards?

We are the oldest (1975), the largest (23 members), and are known to generate on average two or more discussion presentations and two or more Board action items (resolutions/motions) per meeting. Our board members are representative of the larger community and are highly-motivated, articulate, and very knowledgeable of local issues and our community impacts as individuals.

What issues are your board most interested in?

As the “de facto ‘second city’ of Leeward/Central Oahu” our primary concerns have and continues to be uncontrolled growth and development, the efficacy of the City & County planning process, and the lack of regional transportation infrastructure and alternatives resulting in increasingly-horrific commuter travel times. We are also beset with the usual requests to locate within our Board area telecommunication antennas, jails, prisons, housing of all types, solar farms, and other lesser disruptions. We have a particular interest in maintaining strong working relationships with our area legislators, our public schools, and important nearby entities such as Wahiawa General Hospital and Schofield Barracks.

What do you enjoy most about the work your Neighborhood Board does?

Getting involved with problems, issues and opportunities that are relevant or of importance to Central Oahu. The satisfaction lies in how well and to what extent we can influence governmental decision-makers in adequately addressing community concerns.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not dealing with board business?

On the “enjoyable” side, I am an avid tennis player and frequent visitor to 24-Fitness. Lately I have become addicted to the playing and promotion of “pickleball”. I also enjoy travel and playing the piano. On the “not-as-enjoyable side,” I am a member of the Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, the Board of Water Supply Stakeholders Advisory Group, and serve as the Chair of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee.

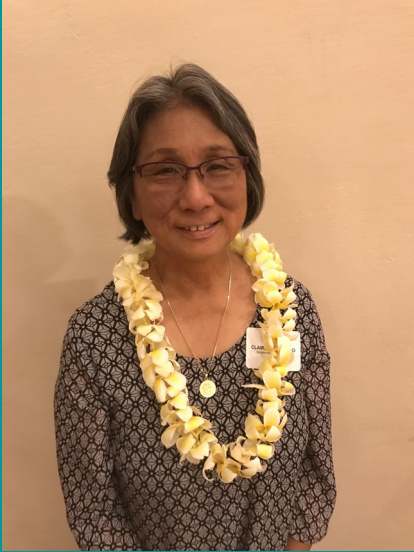
Every board chair has a unique way of running their boards. How would you describe your leadership style? To what do you attribute this?

I'm not sure it is more a matter of style than it is learning by doing. In general, we limit our presentations to 10 minutes or less and aim to complete our work in two hours or less. We treat our guests and each other fairly and with respect. We expect our members to do their homework, to actively participate in Board discussions, and to vote their conscience. I view my duties as chair primarily as facilitation, time management, and agenda-setting.

Where were you raised, where did you go to college? What brought you to Hawaii ?

I was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, received a BA in Political Science from Providence College in Rhode Island, and earned a MA in Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After graduate school, I accepted an entry-level position with a private planning consultant firm here in Hawaii as a result of my spending some time on Oahu doing research on my Master's thesis dealing with the Hawaii State Land Use Law. I then went to work with the State Office of Planning as a Planning Program Manager. There I was involved in a variety of State-level projects and programs ranging from land use and policy planning to ocean and coastal zone management until my retirement from the State in 2006.

Commission Spotlight – Claire Tamamoto



Tell us about yourself growing up. Where were you raised, high school you went to, things you did for fun, and where you went to college?

I was born in Honolulu and moved to Aiea when I was 2 years old. I grew up in the small, country suburb of 'Aiea in the early 50's. 'Aiea was growing and transitioning from a plantation community to meet the demands of its residents. I went to Aiea High School, belonged to a social club, went to dances and met boys! My parents were fairly strict so I didn't "party" too much until I attended the University of Hawaii. I commuted for half a semester and then convinced my parents that it would be better if I lived in the dorms. 'Aiea was still considered a rural town and qualified for the dorms along with the neighbor islands. The college experience had a large impact on my life. I was on my own, started earning my own money, met my future husband and got involved with the administration of the University Student Housing Center.

How would you characterize your personal contribution to the commission and how that works with the other commission members?

I think I am just one of many that bring a perspective to our board. We have board members that are very knowledgeable of the NB process, serving on boards and providing insights to the "best practices" of the boards based on the Charter. I think I bring a community perspective, outside of the Neighborhood Boards. I bring a commitment to our neighborhoods, an attitude of inclusion and a belief that any action or development in our communities must have grass-roots "buy in" to be effective and sustainable.

What initially got you involved with the neighborhood boards and what do you enjoy about it?

I initially went to my first meeting when my sons who were Boy Scouts were working on their Citizen of the Community Merit Badge. One of the requirements is that they attend a community meeting. I took them, got exposed to some of the community's issues and then I was hooked. I have attended most ANB meetings since 1995. I continued my attendance as a representative of the Aiea Community Association. The NB helps me keep abreast of the topics impacting my community. It also gives the Aiea Community Association a platform to exchange information and issues that the association is involved in. Eventually, I was appointed to the Neighborhood Commission.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working or serving the community?

Many of the activities that I do are interrelated and reflect my interest and passions. I am a preschool director primarily because I believe in the children of the world. I also help at an adult day care center (two opposite spectrums of life's journeys). Our kupuna have given so much to our society and we owe them a debt of care and respect. My husband and I enjoy our three children and their spouses, our two grandsons and our extended family of parent, brothers and sisters and their families. I have been able to travel a little and Japan is a favorite destination.

How do you feel the neighborhood board system could be improved as a whole?

The Neighborhood Boards are dependent on the residents that serve on them and their communities. To be more viable and effective as a representative and respected voice for the community, residents must become involved. The relationship between community and boards are interdependent. The more residents/businesses are involved in their communities and their boards, the more effective the boards become and thus the more successful everyone becomes in relaying to our leaders the needs and wants of our communities. The more success a board has in representing its community, the higher its visibility.

What's Been Going On?

Moped Registration/Noise Mitigation
Industrial Hemp Pilot Program
Shower Tree Removal and Replacement in Niu Valley
Sunset Memorial Association Creation
Thomas Square Park Changes
Petition to Allow Dogs on Leashes at Nu'uau Valley District Park
Secondary Access Road for Waianae
He'eia to be included in National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)
Biki Hawaii (Bike Share)
Kaimuki Park Pickeball Recreation Times
Ala Moana Park Improvements

What's Coming Up?

Universal's Jurassic World 2 Filming
Relocation of Oahu Community Correction Center
Rail Funding Special Session (August 28– September 1)
Chinatown Sidewalk Bulb-Outs
Haiku Stairs Removal /Options
Residential Use Dedication of Condos
Hauula Fire Station Relocation
Hawaiki Submarine Cable Landing

NCO Trivia

Who was the first chair of the first board formed in the Neighborhood Board System? Which board was it?

Send your answer to: nco@honolulu.gov Subject line: NCO Trivia

The first person to send in the correct answer will receive a mystery prize!

NCO BULLETIN

Frequently Asked Questions

When do I have to recuse myself from a discussion and/or vote?

All conflicts of interest should be declared prior to a vote. A conflict exists when a reasonable person could conclude something might influence a member's vote. Declaring a conflict does not preclude a member from voting, however if the conflict is of a financial nature, the member should recuse himself or herself from the discussion and vote. An example would be owning stock in a company that is presenting a proposal before the board.

Can I (board member) speak as a resident under "resident/community concerns"?

No. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) has advised that a board member may not take off their "board member hat." Therefore, should a member wish to discuss something, the member should request that the board chair place the item on the agenda. OIP has also advised the exception in Sunshine Law allowing a neighborhood board to receive and discuss public concerns which are not specifically listed on the agenda was legislatively intended for the benefit of non-board members in the audience.



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NeighborhoodCommission



"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

-Mayor Kirk Caldwell
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